(e) what are the details of provisions under the existing order to check profiteering on the trade of imported bulk drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 347 and 166 bulk drugs respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Para 6 of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 was found to be impracticable in operation. Indigenous production will be boosted by making use of tariff mechanism.

Deletion of Paragraph 7(2) of DPCO 1979

2349. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have deleted Paragraph 7(2) of the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 from the 1987 Drugs Price Control Order;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that with the deletion of this provision the drugs companies can legally retain the difference of price at which bulk drug are obtained and that charged from the consumer; and

(c) if so, how such an action can safeguard the consumer's interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Consumer interest will be safe-guarded by revising prices of scheduled formulations with changes in the price of bulk drugs.

Fixation of Formulation prices

2350. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to fix the prices of formulations on weighted average price in case of different cost of production of the same drug;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that DPCO 1987 does not contain any provision with respect to the difference between the prices of bulk drug producers and the weighted average price; and

(c) if so, how the weighted average price will be fixed under higher or lower prices of different producers than the weighted average price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The question of fixation of weighted average price is relevant only if prices for different producers are different. There is no need to fix the weighted average price if the price fixed for different producers of a bulk drug is one and the same.

Price rise of Category II drugs

2351. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 40 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th November, 1987 and state:

(a) the names of Category II formulations whose prices will go up along with percentage increase in each case;

(b) what was the rate of MAPE provided under the Drugs Price Control Order, 1987 and what is the present MAPE on each drug;

(c) whether higher rate of MAPE has been allowed on the basis of any study; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The details can